

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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UNESCO'S VISIT TO HAMP
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether UNESCO team visited Hampi to review its status of endangered monument on world heritage list; and
- (b) if so, the date of the visit and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. A two member UNESCO team led by the Dy. Director, World Heritage Centre visited Hampi between 2nd to 6th May 2003 to examine the conservation status of World Heritage Site and held discussions with the Central and State Government officials relating to implementation of corrective measures particularly laying of a bypass road recommended by an UNESCO expert. Subsequent to their visit their recommendations have also been reviewed by the World Heritage Committee in its meeting in Paris in June 2003. Important recommendations include associating UNESCO in the elaboration of the management plan, conservation and development of the site.